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COORDINATION

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1. COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, MAURICE
FOLEY, EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING INFORMALLY WITH AID
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA WAYS TO IMPROVE
US/EC AID COORDINATION. FOLEY IS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING
AT VARIOUS LEVELS AN OPEN AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
COMMISSION AND AID OFFICIALS. HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THE
POSSIBILITY OF STRENGTHENING US/EC COORDINATION WITH TOP AID
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, GOVERNOR GILLIGAN AND THE
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS FOR AFRICA, NEAR EAST AND PPC.
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FOLEY WILL BE GOING TO OTTAWA DURING WEEK OF MAY 23 AND
COULD POSSIBLY STOP IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 23 AND POSSIBLY
MAY 24. HE EMPHASIZES THAT HE ONLY WANTS TO EXPLORE
POSSIBLE STOPOVER IN WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME; HE WOULD
FIRM UP PLANS ONCE HE HAD AN INDICATION OF US INTEREST.

2. COMMENT: MISSION SUPPORTS FOLEY'S PROPOSAL OF AN

INFORMAL MEETING WITH TOP AID OFFICIALS. HE HAS A CENTRAL ROLE IN ADMINISTERING EC AID ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. FOLEY IS ANXIOUS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION (SEE REFTELS) AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES WITH HIM. MISSION IS SENDING BY SEPTTEL ITS RECOMMENDATION REGARDING OVERALL US/EC AID COORDINATION. END COMMENT.

3. FOLEY IS CONSIDERING APPROACHING SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT TO INQUIRE ABOUT THEIR INTEREST IN JOINT OR PARALLEL FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN AFRICA. SEVERAL ARAB DEVELOPMENT FUNDS HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS EC-SPONSORED PROJECTS. THE AFRO-ARAB DECLARATION IN CAIRO COMMITS THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE \$1.5 BILLION OF AID TO AFRICA. FOLEY BELIEVES THESE COUNTRIES MAY BE AMENABLE TO A POLITICAL LEVEL INITIATIVE BY THE US AND EC TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AID PROJECTS IN AFRICA. EC REGIONAL PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, CALL FOR SUBSTANTIAL FINANCING BEYOND AMOUNTS THAT THE EC CAN PROVIDE. (SEE REF. D.) FOLEY ASKS IF US OFFICIALS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINTLY CONTACTING SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT TO DISCUSS CURRENT AID ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION OF AID'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH FOLEY, PERHAPS ON MAY 23-24. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT ON FOLEY'S IDEA OF A JOINT US/EC APPROACH AT A POLITICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT REGARDING POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN FINANCING AID PROJECTS IN AFRICA. OR, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA DIRECTLY WITH FOLEY IN WASHINGTON BEFORE GIVING A SPECIFIC REACTION. HINTON

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